Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, William Fredrick Albrecht, better known as Fred, was born on February 4, 1922, to John and Leora Albrecht, one of 11 siblings, in Gallitan, Missouri; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Fred grew up working on a dairy farm, delivering papers for the *Kansas City Star*; and,

Whereas, Fred served his country during World War II with the Air Force in England; and,

Whereas, Fred married Evelyn Volek and became the father of her four adult children who love and cherish his devotion to them; and,

Whereas, Fred worked for the Rural Electric Association as an engineer for South Dakota and spent 17½ years in Washington, DC, as the Director of Divisions of Telephone Activities. He was also awarded the Outstanding Service Award from USDA; and,

Whereas, Fred will observe his 85th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2007, as

WILLIAM (FRED) ALBRECHT DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State